(c) if so, whether Government are considering increase in the expenditure on these counts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information received from Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, the details of the amount provided for each student of Navodaya Vidyalaya on food, clothing and other items are given below:—

ITEM	AMOUNT
Food	(a) Rs. 600/- p.m. for 9 months for normal stations.
	(b) Rs. 750/- p.m. for 9 months for Vidyalayas located in hard and difficult areas in North Eastern States, J&K and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and certain identified hard & difficult stations in other States.
Clothing	(a) Rs. 75/- p.m. for 12 months in Summer Bound Areas.
	(b) Rs. 100/- p.m. for 12 months in Winter Bound Areas.
Text books	Rs. 12.50 p.m. for 12 months
Daily Use Items	Rs. 29/- (approx.) p.m. for 12 months.
Stationery Travel, Medical expenses, CBSE fees etc.	Rs. 46/- (approx.) p.m. for 12 months.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Punjab and Maharashtra

1395. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the object of starting Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and whether the same has been achieved in the States of Punjab and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the funds allocated/sanctioned for this purpose for these States have been fully utilized during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) whether it is a fact that the population of non-school going children is higher in each State mentioned above; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to achieve the object of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented in all the districts of Punjab and in all the districts of Maharashtra.

The funds available with these States during 2005-06 and their utilization is indicated below:

	2005-06 (Upto 31.12.2005)	
STATE	Funds available (Rs. in lakh)	Utilisation (Rs. in lakh)
Punjab	20186.10	11041.12
Maharashtra	68603.29	34447.58

Fund releases for the year 2006-07 are not due yet.

The details of out of school children in the two States as per national survey commissioned by Government of India in 2005 is as follows:

State	Out of School Children	Percentage of out of school children
Punjab	108,754	2.87
Maharashtra	529,295	3.17
ALL INDIA	13,459,734	6.94

It would be seen that percentage of out of school children in the two States is less than the national percentage.

Government of India ensures timely release of Central funds under the SSA and does rigorous monitoring of performance of States/UTs.

National Textbook Council

1396. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education Committee on regulatory mechanism for textbooks and parallel textbooks taught in schools outside the system of education has been recommended for setting up of a National Textbook Council to monitor the material produced in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and